



Commanding General, U.S. Army Installation Management Command

Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management

A graduate of the United States Military Academy, Lieutenant General Rick Lynch was commissioned as a Regular Army Engineer Officer. As an engineer, he commanded both a combat engineer company and a mobile assault bridge company.

Lt. Gen. Lynch later branch transferred to Armor. As an armor field grade officer, he was assigned to 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment where he served as S3 (Operations) for the 1st Squadron and later as the Regimental Executive Officer. Lt. Gen. Lynch commanded 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment (Mustangs), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Upon graduation from the United States Army War College, he commanded the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized). After brigade command, he was assigned to the Joint Advanced Warfighting Program (Joint Staff) where he worked joint concept development and joint experimentation.

Lt. Gen. Lynch attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he obtained a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering focusing on Robotics. He utilized that education as the Robotics Project Officer in the Directorate of Combat Development at the Armor Center and later as the Armor Center's Chief of Force Development.

Lt. Gen. Lynch's flag assignments include Assistant Division Commander (Support), 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Hood, Texas and Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, later Chief of Staff, Kosovo Force (KFOR). He also served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations at Allied Joint Force Command-Naples. While in this NATO command, Lt. Gen. Lynch commanded the Deployable Joint Task Force (DJTF) of the NATO Response Force. Later he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Effects for the Multinational Force Iraq (MNF-I) and the MNF-I spokesman. Lt. Gen. Lynch commanded the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) and the Multi-National Division-Center (MND-C) in Baghdad, Iraq, after which he commanded III Corps and Fort Hood, Fort Hood, Texas.

Lt. Gen. Lynch's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Defense Superior Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), and Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster). He has also been awarded the Parachutist's Badge and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

Lt. Gen Lynch was born and raised in Hamilton, Ohio but has spent the majority of his adult life in Texas.